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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Annie AUDIBERT, et al.  
**Serial No.:** 09/628,423  
**Filed:** July 28, 2000  
**For:** METHOD AND FLUID FOR CONTROLLING THE SATURATION OF A FORMATION CLOSE TO A WELL  
**Group:** 1712  
**Examiner:** Tucker

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

ATTN: BOX AF  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 17, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 3, 4 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 12 and 15 as follows:

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1. (Twice amended) A method for drilling or intervening in a well passing through a porous, permeable formation in which a water-based well fluid is circulating in said well, comprising adding to said fluid a maximum of 1 g/l of a composition comprising at least one compound selected from the group consisting of partial esters of at least one polyol selected from the group consisting of glycerol and polyglycerols